

New Block  
Dutton Street  
Lowell  
Middlesex County  
Massachusetts

HABS No. MA-1153

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PHOTOGRAPHS

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
MASSACHUSETTS	MIDDLESEX	LOWELL
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
NEW BLOCK		MA-1153
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
Dutton Street; Lowell National Historical Park		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
Circa 1845		
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
The New Block boardinghouses were erected during the Town of Lowell's venture in the nation's first mass-production industrial enterprise. The structures are an offshoot of the earlier boardinghouses, and they generally (continued to next page)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
Mill housing		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick and wood.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Rectangle on each block.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
The features were common-- double-hung sash windows, gable roofs, chimneys, etc. However, the lintels and dormers added character to the blocks, and they were typical features of the 1840s. Each block was identical in appearance.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
Plain interior trim throughout.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
Demolished.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
There are three earlier views of the buildings in the field record folder filed under the title and HABS number as noted above.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING IN NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Holidge, John. <u>Mill and Mansion: A Study of Architecture and Society in Lowell, Massachusetts, 1820-1865</u> . New York: Columbia University Press, 1942.		
Dunwell, Steve. <u>The Run of the Mill</u> . Boston: David R. Godine, Publisher, 1978.		
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SIGNIFICANCE (continued from page one):

housed mill workers of the nearby mills. They are a typical example of New England mill housing, and similar examples are found in Manchester, New Hampshire and many other northern New England mill towns. See also the short form for Brick Block, Lowell, Massachusetts, HABS No. MA-1151.